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I have 2 major concerns with the Microsoft Settlement:

1. Software API's should be open to everyone, not just Businesses Microsoft selects. This would allow anyone who needed to communicate to Microsoft software the ability to do so, including government agencies, Businesses that are primarily End Users, and non-profit organizations, who are writing applications to meet their own needs or others that use the applications created. If Microsoft can choose to share this critical API interface information to only those selected, that still gives them Monopoly Power.

2. 3-member committee members: These 3 people that are selected should be people with many years experience in the Technology industry, with experience in a wide-variety of areas, not just those supported by Microsoft products. They should also be people who will be tough and fair in enforcing the Settlement agreement, when finalized and approved. One possible candidate is Steve Satchell, who's been in the Technology industry for more than 30 years.

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